



Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Monday, June 2, 2009
City of Fulton-City Council
Fulton, Illinois

Project: FAP 309 (US 30)
Section (20-1, 17R, 16, 15, 110) PE 1
Whiteside County
Job No. P-92-107-07

Attendees:

Charles Dykstra (Alderman)
Gene Field (Alderman)
Merle Sterenberg (Alderman)
Charlie Letcher (Alderman)
Warren Juist (Alderman)
Wes Letcher (Alderman)
Bill Loerop (Alderman)
Ron Roels (Alderman)
Randy Balk (City Administrator)
Bill Shirk (City Attorney)
Heather Bennett (Tourism Director)
Clink Kettler (Zoning Officer)
Dave Baretls (Sergeant at Arms)

Project Study Group:

Dawn Perkins (IDOT)
Michael Walton (Volkert)

Handouts (see attachment):

Power Point –Preliminary Engineering; June 2009 Project Update

Meeting Purpose

Members of the US 30 Project study team met with the City of Fulton-City Council to present a project update.

Study Team Presentation

Michael Walton opened the presentation by introducing the US 30 study team and thanking the officials for agreeing to meet with the team. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to update the City of Fulton on the project status. He then gave an overview of the project and a summary of the progress made to date. The City Council members were given a handout highlighting the information covered and questions were taken.

Presentation

- Summary of second Public Informational Open House conducted on January 29, 2009. The open house was attended by 237 people. Presented to the CAG were Environmental Issues, Schedule, CAG corridors & Final Corridors.

- Reviewed the corridors presented to the CAG.
- Shared public informational open house concerns/comments: agricultural land, environmental issues, preference for corridor south of Morrison, development, and what progress has been made.
- Summary of the Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting conducted on February 3, 2009; including the NEPA final corridors
- Reviewed the process of Corridors to Alignments, All Criteria Map, and Example of adjustments of an alignment within a corridor.
- Alternatives evaluated in matrix - Six alignments were screened against 23 factors within four major categories: Traffic & Safety, Social & Economic, Environmental, and Cost.
- These alternatives were then scored and ranked as followed:
 - #1 Alternative 4
 - #2 Alternative 5
 - #3 Alternative 6
 - #4 Alternative 1
 - #5 Alternative 2 & 3
- Next Steps: 1) Begin in-depth study of six (6) alternative alignments
2) Take alternative alignments west of Morrison to NEPA/404 Merger Meeting in September
- Timeline: DEIS Chapters on affected environment and alternatives to IDOT: July 2009
NEPA 404/Merger Meeting: September 2009
PSG & CAG Identify Alternative for Detailed Study: November 2009
NEPA 404/Merger Meeting; Alternatives to be carried forward: February 2010
DEIS signed: October 2010
Public Hearing: January 2011
FEIS signed: January 2012
ROD signed: June 2012

Comments/ Issues/ Questions

Q. What is the cost of the EIS?

A. \$7.5 Million fully funded

Q. Is this project “shovel ready”?

A. No

Q. Why is this taking so long?

A. EIS is a Federal process that takes a while to complete the necessary steps, reviews, approvals and sign-offs. (gave him the same answer as we have before)

Q. What is the priority alignment?

A. There is no priority alignment, at this time they are all still being studied.

Bill Loerop statement: IL 136 is a very important access to US 30 please don't cut off that vital link for the City of Fulton.

R: No plans to sever IL 136 from US 30.

Q: Is section 4 in Rock Falls still a part of the study?

A. Yes it will remain in the study.